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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS USG SUPPLYING FNLA THROUGH LAJES

1. COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO DE LISBOA" REPORTED DEC 18 CHARGES
BY "CENTER FOR ANTI-COLONIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION" THAT
USG WAS CONDUCTING ARMS AIRLIFT TO FNLA THROUGH LAJES FIELD IN
AZORES. ACCORDING TO CENTER, AIRLIFT INVOLVED "HUNDREDS" OF
C-141 TRANSPORTS AND HAD AS ITS ANGOLA TERMINUS THE FORMER
PORTUGUESE AIR BASE IN NEGAGE. NOTING THAT GOP HAD NEVER
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FORMALLY DENIED RUMORS OF USG USE OF LAJES TO SUPPLY FNLA,

AND RECALLING "DISASTROUS EFFECTS" WHICH ARAB OIL BOYCOTT
PRODUCED ON PORTUGUESE ECONOMY FOLLOWING USG RESUPPLY OF
ISRAEL THROUGH LAJES DURING 1973 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, CENTER
CALLED ON GOP TO GIVE "CLEAR RESPONSE" TO ITS CHARGES.

2. COMMENT: "CENTER FOR ANTI-COLONIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTA-
TION" APPEARED FOR FIRST TIME IN THIS ARTICLE. WE WOULD BE SURPRISED
IF IT TURNED OUT TO BE OTHER THAN AN AD HOC COMMUNIST FRONT.
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